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SUBJECT: CUBAN PRISONER EXCHANGE PROPOSAL

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1. REFTEL CROSSED WITH STATE 014955.

2. ARMED FORCES RADIO REPORT PRESUMABLY BASED ON
ASSOCIATED PRESS ARTICLE DATED WASHINGTON JAN. 22.
ARTICLE QUOTING UNSPECIFIED INFORMED SOURCES INTER ALIA
REPORTED QUOTE CUBA WOULD RELEASE LAWRENCE K. LUNT, A
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MASSACHUSETTS NATIVE WHO WAS ARRESTED IN JUNE 1965 ON

CHARGES OF ESPIONAGE AND HARBORING COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES.

LUNT NOW ABOUT 50, WAS SENTENCED TO A 30-YEAR JAIL TERM IN 1966. IN EXCHANGE FOR LUNT, THE INFORMANTS SAID, CUBA HAS ASKED FOR THE RELEASE OF LOLITA LEBRON, ONE OF FOUR PUERTO RICAN NATIONALISTS WHO FIRED SEVERAL VOLLEYS OF BULLETS IN THE HOUSE CHAMBER ON MARCH 1, 1954, WOUNDING FIVE HOUSE MEMBERS. IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE REPORTED CUBAN PROPOSAL HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT. STATE AND JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS DECLINED COMMENT ON THE SUBJECT. UNQUOTE. REMAINDER OF ARTICLE PROVIDED BACKGROUND ON LUNT. NO REFERENCE TO BELGIUM OR BELGIAN EMBASSY, HAVANA APPEARED IN AP ARTICLE CITED, EXCEPT FOR FACT LUNT'S WIFE IS BELGIAN.

3. PRESS GUIDANCE PROVIDED FOR DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING JANUARY 22 WAS QUOTE NO COMMENT UNQUOTE. NO QUESTION AROSE AT BRIEFING ALTHOUGH SEVERAL QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN PUT TO ARA PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE WHICH HAS DECLINED TO COMMENT. KISSINGER

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